

GSU Assembly Meeting Minutes

May 27, 1998

(pending approval at September meeting)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 by presiding officer, Scott Harper.
Present: 13 reps.

Item 1: Approval of Minutes. Kyle Morrison asked that a sentence be modified describing discussion about the Telephone Directory; from "why" to "when" resulting in "due to the time at which information is collected". Modified minutes approved 13 - 0.

Item 2: Scott Harper called for reports on developments since the last meeting.

Committee and Project Status Reports:

- Credit Union: No News.
- Directory List: give information to Serge.
- Dining Services: no one could make it to the meeting; no news.
- The CPUC committee reported on its meeting: Scott reported that a Trustee alcohol initiative is looking seriously at alcohol consumption (particularly binge drinking) on campus. There was no mention of the D-Bar at the meeting. Karen mentioned that the Bar Czars go through a one hour training in the beginning of the year. She commented that access to alcohol is too easy at the D-Bar.
- The Campus Center Committee reported: Karen said that cash will be allowed at the new Campus Center. An undergraduate survey is being conducted to find out what kind of plan they want to be on.
- Campus Grounds and Maintenance: Scott reported that 3100 trees will be classified and this information will go on the

Web.

- White's Planning Committee: the committee is looking at the size of the student body, faculty demographic composition, the library, and space/resource use

- Forrestal Campus: new road is being put in

Scott asked about announcements and upcoming events:

- Administrative Review is going on on campus. Graduate students are picked at random to participate. Involves all departments, consumers of dining services, and workers.
- Karen announced a sign-making party at the DBar Thursday at 9pm for the P-rade. Buttons for P-rade will be on sale starting at 9pm
- Karen will work at Rutgers next year at Livingston College with transfer students
- The question of registration and welcoming activities for new students was brought up. Move-in materials could be distributed. There will be a GSU BBQ in addition to the GSU co-sponsored summer BBQ and possible trips. One such possibility would be a trip to the Bronx Zoo which would cost \$5 since on Wednesday admission is free. Another possibility would be to go see the Statue of Liberty.
- Scott mentioned the graduation furniture drive that the GSU is cosponsoring with the Class of 1998 and SVC. It will be on June 2nd & 3rd from 10am-2pm. Dave Baker, Karen, Nick, Don Priour volunteered to help out. Collection sights will be Spellman and Alexander Hall.
- Eszter mentioned that a Grad Events list will go out with information about Reunion and the Furniture Drive.
- Summer events and plans for next year. Meetings will still be on Wednesdays.

Item 3: Report of John Stewart the Treasurer: The income from last September from student fees is in. We have a credit of \$10,631 including a \$1,400 rollover from the previous year. The planned figure was \$8,000. Perhaps there are more students than we thought, as many as 1800. If there is an error, then we have \$1650

available for use, if there is no error then \$3500. We saved \$1000 in supplies and operating costs. Social events were also under budget.

A discussion followed John's report as to how we could use our money:

- Karen reported that there is a possibility of buying a van from Public Safety for \$2500 which would not include maintenance costs, but she would help with those. The GC just bought a stairmaster. The USG has a grocery and movie shuttle.
- There is the option of having a Who's Who facebook for entering students. However, this would require a lot of money up front.
- Eszter suggested GSU paraphernalia such as cups or keychains.
- The idea of putting out our own phone directory was brought up.
- Scott suggested we bring more ideas to the next meeting.

Item 4: Report of Serge Dobrovolsky the Web Page Administrator: Not present.

Item 5: Report of Eszter Hargittai the Press Secretary: A Grad Events mailing will go out the next day.

Item 6: Report of Eric Paul the Social Chair: no news.

Item 7: Report of Ben Gum the Representative Secretary: Ben reported on the meeting with the Deans earlier in the month where Scott and Eszter were also present:

- Concerns about disciplinary issues were discussed given some of the fuzzy entries in the Rights and Rules book.
- Where does a complaint go? First to the Dean of Graduate Students and then to Dean Wilson and finally it can go to a committee.
- Scott reported that Dean Montero handles most of the information, but some of the process is still unclear

- The question of departmental funding in case of illness was also discussed at the meeting with the deans. After 6 months, health care is over. Ben thought it was 3 months. In case of medical leave, there is no insurance. In case of undergraduates, parents usually take over the responsibility of insurance and health care coverage.

Ben also reported on the possibility of another housing survey where graduate students could report on how they feel about Building Services, i.e. sentiments about Building Services sometimes not fixing things and the quality of the cleaning they do. Ben asked if anyone would be interested in joining this task force?

Meeting adjourned at 7:53

Respectfully submitted,
Eszter Hargittai
Press Secretary (sitting in for Roberto Lint-Sagarena, Recording Secretary)